

Electric Utilities Task Group
Friday, March 20, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.

Present: Task Group Members: Barbara MacMullan, William Penn, Everett Shorey.
Also present: Jeff Grybowski, CEO of Deepwater Wind, Bryan Wilson, Liaison for Deepwater Wind, First Warden Ken Lacoste, Town Councilor Norris Pike, Town Councilor Alan McKay, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Cliff McGinnes and Dave Milner from the BIPCo, Renee Meyer and Cassius Shuman from the Block Island Times, Henry Dupont and Fraser Lang. Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 12:33 by Chair Barbara MacMullan

1. Public Input – none

2. Approve minutes of February 27, 2015

Bill Penn moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2015 as written, seconded by Everett Shorey.

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey) Nays 0

3. Deepwater Presentation

Mr. Grybowski took the floor and reported on the following:

- The project was on schedule
- offshore installation of the foundations will begin this summer. It will take about eight weeks and will start in July.
- Cable will be laid sometime between April and May of 2016.
- November 2016 in full operation
- Jens Hanson is the project manager on Block Island
- National Grid has purchased the part of the project for distribution on shore.
- They will begin onshore substation building.

The presentation concluded with a question/answer period. Discussed were

- Financing
- Decommissioning.

4. Report on the PUC meeting re: BIPCo future issues

The PUC held a meeting to discuss BIPCo's role after the wind farm is operational. Everett Shorey, who attended that meeting reported:

- BIPCo is required to restructure within six months of the wind farm becoming operational
- There was a discussion about BIPCo's use of its generation assets.
- BIPCo can file for an exemption.

The rate structure and other items should be a joint filing between the Town and BIPCo. Town attorney Kathy Merolla suggests hiring a mediator for the process. The Town and BIPCo need to return to the PUC in three months (June) to update on how negotiations are going.

5. Discussion and action on draft of policy issues to be forwarded to Town Council. Barbara MacMullan and Everett Shorey had submitted a draft of the Public Policy Issues Related to the Deepwater Wind Project. There were nine items on the draft to be discussed:

1. Changes in Rate Design
2. Generation Purchasing.
3. Oversight of Standard Offer Rates
4. Net Metering
5. BIPCo Fixed costs to be Recovered Through Rates
6. Conservation/Demand Side Management Programs
7. Distribution Upgrade
8. Should BIPCo Continue to be Exempt from Existing Laws/Regulations?
9. Prohibit Generation for Resale by BIPCo Using Diesel Generators.

There were a few edits to the draft which Ms. MacMullan will do and then it will be forwarded to the Town Council with a recommendation to schedule a joint meeting between the Town Council, BIPCo and the EUTG to begin discussion on these issues. (Attached)

Mr. Shorey moved to submit the draft after editing to the Town Council, seconded by Mr. Penn. Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey) Nays 0

With no further business to discuss Mr. Shorey moved to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. seconded by Mr. Penn and voted unanimously.

Minutes Approved: 4/29/2015

Bonny L. Ryan